

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 586  
By Head

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Trenton Lavar Hassell, Austin Peay State University star basketball player on being drafted by the Chicago Bulls.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is very proud to salute outstanding athletes who lead their teams to victory; and

WHEREAS, We were very excited to learn that one such player, Trenton Lavar Hassell, who recently completed a brilliant collegiate basketball career at Austin Peay State University, was selected by the Chicago Bulls as the twenty-ninth player chosen in the National Basketball Association draft; and

WHEREAS, This excellent guard/forward is a native of Clarksville; he graduated from Clarksville High School and cheerfully signed to play with his beloved Governors; and

WHEREAS, In his sophomore season, 1998-1999, he scored 481 points, an average of 17.8 points per game, led Austin Peay in rebounding nineteen times, recorded twelve double-doubles, led the team in blocked shots and was second in steals; and

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WHEREAS, Trenton was selected First Team All-Ohio Valley Conference, Ohio Valley Conference "Newcomer of the Year," a member of the OVC All-Newcomer team, OVC "Player of the Week," and OVC "Newcomer of the Week"; and

WHEREAS, During his marvelous junior season, 1999-2000, this shooting wiz led the Governors in scoring with 451 points, an average of 18.1 points per game; he also led the team in rebounding, with an average of 7.4 rebounds per game, and assists, with an average of 5.2 assists per game. Those exceptional figures placed him fourth in Ohio Valley Conference in scoring, fifth in the league in rebounding and second in assists; and

WHEREAS, Trenton was named a member of the NABC All-District team, First Team All-Ohio Valley Conference, OVC "Player of the Week," and Oneida Bingo and Casino Classic Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, In his stellar 2000-2001 senior season Trenton scored 693 points, an average of 21.7 points per game, had 249 rebounds, and ranked in the top five in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring, rebounds and assists; and

WHEREAS, He was named *Playboy Magazine* Pre-Season All-American, Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American, National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District, ESPN/ESPN.com National "Player of the Week," Top of the Word Classic Most Valuable Player and to the Dr. Pepper Classic All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Trenton was also named Ohio Valley Conference "Player of the Year," OVC "Male Athlete of the Year," First Team All-OVC, OVC All-Tournament, College Hoops Insider OVC "Co-Player of the Year," OVC "Player of the Week" (twice), OVC "Co-Pre-Season Player of the Year," and Tennessee Sports Writers "College Basketball Player of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, He was also featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Hidden Gems" feature and *ESPN The Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this talented athlete for his many contributions to the Austin Peay athletic program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Trenton Lavar Hassell on being drafted by the Chicago Bulls and look forward to watching him play during what we are confident will be a great NBA career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.